### BUSINESS REPORT

### MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 61st LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

### HOUSE BUSINESS AND LABOR COMMITTEE

Date: Thursday, April 16, 2009 Place: Capitol	Time: 10:30 am Room: 172
BILLS and RESOLUTIONS HEARD: Prefix (HB, HR, HJR, SB, SR, or SJR) and r	number. Add Postponed (PP) when appropriate:
EXECUTIVE ACTION TAKEN: Prefix (HB, HR, HJR, SB, SR, or SJR) and amended) BC(be concurred in) BCAA (be concurred in)	number. Enter P(pass) F(failed) DPAA (do pass as oncurred in as amended):
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Mr. Speaker:

We, your committee on Business and Labor recommend that Senate Joint Resolution 30 (third reading copy – blue) be concurred in as amended.

Signed:

Representative Bill Wilson, Chair

To be carried by Representative Chuck Hunter

### And, that such amendments read:

1. Page 1, line 18.
Following: "2008"

Insert: "; and

WHEREAS, the Labor-Management Advisory Council on Workers' Compensation consisting of equal representation of the two primary workers' compensation stakeholders groups, namely management and labor, was formed in December 2006 under agency order by the Commissioner of Labor and Industry and was commissioned to identify and research the primary cost drivers in workers' compensation"

2. Page 1, line 25.

Strike: "comparisons on"

3. Page 1, line 27.

Following: "costs"

Strike: ";"

Insert: ", in particular:

- (a) duration and availability of and access to medical treatments;
- (b) use of utilization and treatment guidelines and their effectiveness in other jurisdictions; and
- (c) evaluation of the impact on cost containment and access to medical treatment resulting from changes to medical fee schedules implemented by the department of labor and industry in

#### **Committee Vote:**

Yes 18, No 0

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2007 and 2008;

- (3) research and analysis on whether Montana should include presumptions regarding occupational diseases associated with specific occupations;
- (4) recommendations on the appropriate payment of attorney fees in cases involving medical benefits;
- (5) evaluation of and recommendations on exemptions in workers' compensation."
- 4. Page 1, line 28 through page 2, line 2. **Strike:** subsections (3) through (7) in their entirety
- 5. Page 2, line 4.
  Following: "drivers"

Insert: "and request the Labor-Management Advisory Council on
 Workers' Compensation to research these areas"

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